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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 19, 2001, in the above matter, the period for response having been extended up to July 19, 2001, by submission of the required petition and fee herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice and add the following new claims in lieu thereof.

5. An isolated nucleic acid comprising the sequence of DDRT2 (SEQ ID NO:34).

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